सूती उत्पाद शामिल हैं, निर्यात से अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा की राशि निम्नोक्त प्रकार है।

(मूल्य करोड़ रु. में)

वर्ष	अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा
1980-81	430.96
1981-82	458.02
1982-83	442.10
1983-84	445.33
1984-85	639.93

स्रोत: सूती वस्त्र निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद्/हथकरघा निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद् ।

Memorandum from the Ahmedabad Engineering Goods Manufacturers' Association regarding liberalisation of central excise rules and regulations

1147. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVA-KOLI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ahmedabad Engineering Goods Manufacturers' Association had submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister on the 20th March, 1986 during his recent visit to that State for liberalising and simplifying certain Central Excise Rules and Regulations announced during the recent Central Budget for 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The points raised by the Ahmedabad Engineering Goods Manufactureres' Association in the memorandum dated the 21st March, 1986, addressed to the Prime Minister, were considered by the Government. The exemption limit under the general small-scale exemption scheme has already been increased from Rs. 7.5 lacs to Rs. 15 lacs. In respect of a manufacturer producing goods falling under more than one heading of the Central Excise Tariff, the exemption limit will be Rs. 30 lakhs. The relaxations with regard to the licensing requirements and procedural formalities have also been announced.

Demand of the Federation of Association of Small Industries of India

1148. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVA-KOLI:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had received a letter dated the 17th March, 1986 from the Honorary General Secretary of the Federation of Association of Small Industries of India, Laghu Udyog Kutte, 23-B/2, Guru Gobind Singh Marg, New Delhi-5 regarding the problem being faced by the small industries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action Government have taken to sort out the problems; and

(d) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and b) In their representation dated the 17th March, 1986, the Federation of Association of Small Industries of India had asked for enhancement in the total excise duty exemption limit for products of the small-scale sector, besides increasing the limit of value of clearances for purposes of obtaining an excise licence as well as certain other relaxations.

(c) and (d) These suggestions were considered by the Government. The exemption limit under the general small-scale exemption scheme has already been increased from Rs. 7.5 lacs to Rs. 15

lacs. In respect of a manufacturer producing goods falling under more than one heading of the Central Excise Tariff, the exemption limit will be Rs. 30 lakhs. The relaxations with regard to the licensing requirements and procedural formalities have also been announced.

Smuggled goods, seized at Bombay and Delhi airports

1149. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of smuggled goods seized at Bombay and Delhi airports during the last financial year;

(b) what are the comparative figures for the financial years 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(c) what is the number of persons apprehended in this connection and how many of them are the employees of Air India/Indian Airlines: and

(d) what are the details of the action taken against those who were apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The total value of the contraband goods seized, number of persons arrested (indicating Air India and Indian Airlines employees arrested separately) in connection with smuggling activities, at Bombay and Delhi Airports during the year 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 is given below:—

Year	Bombay Airport			Delhi Airport		
	Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)	Number of persons arrested	Air India/ Indian Airlines employees arrested	Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)	Number of persons arrested	Air India/ Indian Airlines employees arrested
1983-84	6·92	247	5	1·68	140	3
1984-85	9·37	432	8	6·88	103	..
1985-86	20·99	702	4	6·69	198	4

(Figures for 1985-86 are provisional)

(d) Stringent action is taken against persons found involved in smuggling activities, both departmentally as well as through prosecution in Courts. Apart from confiscation of smuggled goods and imposition of personal penalty, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to in appropriate cases.

Deposits in the Banks

1150. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of total deposits in the scheduled commercial banks in the country at the end of financial year 1985-86;

(b) what is the total amount advanced by such banks as loans during the year 1985; and

(c) what is the total amount refunded or returned to the banks till March 31, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Aggregate deposits and advances by way of gross bank credit of all scheduled commercial banks as on 28th March, 1986